

the Progress which he has made in the *Chinese* Learning, those expressive Verses of *Virgil* in his Sixth Book of the *Aeneid*:

——— *Pauci, quos æquus amavit*
Jupiter, aut ardens evexit ad æthera virtus,
Diis geniti, potuere.

V. *A Query proposed to such curious Persons as use the Greenland Trade, occasioned by the annexed Letter from Mr. David Nicolson, Surgeon, to Dr. Mortimer, Sec. R.S.*

“ **W**Hether the *Scurvy-grass* of *Greenland* be the
 “ same Species, as to its external Appearance,
 “ with the common *Scurvy-grass* of *England*?
 “ And, having no acrid Taste while growing in
 “ *Greenland*, doth it, being brought growing in
 “ Earth from *Greenland*, gradually acquire an acrid
 “ Taste, as it is brought into a warmer Climate?”

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London, Dec. 16. 1730.

I Communicate this as Matter of Truth, and not Hypothetic, *viz.* That the *Scurvy-grass* in *Greenland*, equally the same with ours in *England*, as to the Figure of the Plant, and all its Appearance to the Eye, changes its Nature much, as it approaches the Sun; for in that Climate, its principal Quality, the volatile Salt, is neither pungent nor perceivable; but to the Taste, the whole Plant is intirely as insipid as the Colwort or Beet. So by my Endeavour,

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I preserved some Plants with their natural Earth, and brought them to *London* alive; and I observed the remarkable Change produced by the Sun's Heat on them; for the saline Matter in *Greenland*, which certainly was analogous to a fix'd Salt, became, in a Month's time, almost to the same Volatility as that which naturally grows in *England*.

This I make mention of, in case other Gentlemen, who have had the same Opportunity, have been remiss in their Curiosity.

David Nicolson.

VI. *A Letter from Edmund Stone, F. R. S. to ——— concerning two Species of Lines of the Third Order, not mentioned by Sir Isaac Newton, nor Mr. Sterling.*

SIR,

July 31. 1736.

HAVING for some time past been reading and considering the little Treatise of Sir *Isaac Newton*, intituled, *Enumeratio Linearum tertii Ordinis*, as also the ingenious Piece of Mr. *Sterling*, called, *Illustratio Tractatus Domini Newtoni Linearum tertii Ordinis*; I have observed, that they have neither of them taken Notice of the two following Species of Lines of the Third Order; and venture to affirm, that the Seventy-two Species mentioned by Sir *Isaac*, together with the Four more of Mr. *Sterling*, and these Two, making in all Seventy-eight, is the exact Number of the different Species of